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Fire Update

Fire Information

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Terwilliger Fire – Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Location: McKenzie River Ranger District, Terwilliger Hot Springs area

Start Date: August 19, 2018 **Size:** 125 acres **Containment:** 0% **Cause:** Under Investigation

Vegetation: Dense mixed conifer forest **Incident Commander:** Ricky Cox

Resources: 3 crews, 2 helicopters, 7 engines, 3 dozers, total of 87 personnel.

Summary: The Gila Las Cruces Type 3 Incident Management Team assumed command of the Terwilliger Fire yesterday at 6 pm and will continue using the full suppression strategy started by local firefighters.

The fire is burning actively on both the west and east side of Cougar Reservoir. Yesterday crews worked on building dozer and hand lines on the fire burning west of the reservoir. They also began installing hose lays and sprinklers in the Boone Creek drainage. Fire managers are continually looking for opportunities to safely engage the fire on both sides of the reservoir.

The weather will challenge firefighters today. An offshore flow will produce easterly winds with gusts up to 30 miles per hour. These windy conditions are forecasted to continue through Wednesday.

Today firefighters will continue their work to hold the fire south of Boone Creek. They will also work on opening up existing roads and lines used last year on the east side of Cougar Reservoir. Smoky conditions have restricted visibility. Aircraft will be used if conditions allow.

A Type 2 Incident Management Team has been ordered to assist the district in their efforts to control the fire. They will start arriving today, have an in-brief at 1 pm, and begin shadowing their counterparts.